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House Appropriations Request FY 2011

Project Name:

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Initiative

Recipient:

The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center

Recipient Address:

4021 Carya Drive

Recipient City:

Raleigh

Recipient State:

North Carolina

Recipient Zip:

27610

Amount of Request: \$1,000,000.00

Explanation of the request:

The requested funds will be used to implement a new program that will provide matching grants to municipalities, who will then loan the money to businesses to retrofit existing manufacturing facilities in rural North Carolina with energy efficiency improvements. The businesses will be required to achieve certain benchmarks. If achieved, the loan is forgiven. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will lower the annual operating costs for private manufacturers, encouraging them to expand or to locate in economically distressed rural areas of North Carolina. These retrofits will also lower the demand for energy generation in North Carolina, reducing the need for expensive investments in additional generation capacity.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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